



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 3, 2016
Schedule 14

PLEASE NOTE: February 12 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 11.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 3, 2016

HB 533 Delegate Jones, et al

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES AND PRACTICES

Altering the employment categories of specified employees of the State Department of Education; requiring that all positions in the Department be appointed positions in the professional service and skilled service as well as the executive service and management service, subject to a specified exception; repealing the authority for special appointment positions in the Department; altering the procedures for appointment, the setting of qualifications, and the transfer of employees of the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, §§ 2-104 and 2-105 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

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HB 534 Delegate Sanchez, et al**FAMILY LAW – PROTECTIVE ORDERS – NOTIFICATION OF SERVICE
– SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing the termination date of provisions of law related to notice of the service on a respondent of specified protective orders; and repealing obsolete provisions relating to a specified contingency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

Chapter 711 of the Acts of 2009, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 535 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General) and Delegate Rosenberg**COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – STRUCTURED
SETTLEMENTS – TRANSFERS**

Making legislative findings and declarations that it is necessary to regulate transfers of structured settlement payment rights to ensure that the transfers are effectuated on fair and reasonable terms and are in the best interest of payees, and to protect payees against deceptive practices; requiring an application for a transfer of structured settlement payment rights to be filed in a specified court; authorizing the Attorney General to adopt and enforce specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 5-1101(c), 5-1102, and 5-1103(a) - amended and §§ 5-1101.1 and 5-1106 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 536 Delegate Busch, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – 206
WEST SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Light House, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the former Light House Shelter, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 537 Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS –
REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying the number of retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System that are exempt from a specified offset of a retirement allowance if they are reemployed in specified positions in a local school system or the Maryland School for the Deaf.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, §§ 22-406(c)(8) and 23-407(c)(8) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 538 Delegate Holmes**REAL PROPERTY – NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OR
CANCELLATION OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Requiring the trustee, within 14 days after the postponement or cancellation of a foreclosure sale, to send a notice that the sale was postponed or canceled to the record owner of the property by first-class mail, postage prepaid; applying the Act to any foreclosure sale scheduled to occur on a date after the effective date of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 7-105.2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 539 Delegate Kelly**HEALTH INSURANCE – HABILITATIVE SERVICES – PERIOD OF TIME
FOR COVERAGE**

Extending until at least the end of the month in which the insured or enrollee turns 19 years old the period of time during which health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations are required to provide coverage of habilitative services for its insureds and enrollees who are children; repealing a provision of law that a specified determination by a specified entity is considered an adverse decision for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 15-835 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 540 Delegate Lam, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – TRADE-INS AND CORE CHARGES**

Altering the definition of taxable price for purposes of the sales and use tax to exclude the value of used components, parts, or batteries received from the purchaser of a component, part, or battery for an automobile, a truck, or a marine engine; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-101(l)(3)(ii) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 541 Delegate Kelly**MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REVOCABLE TRUST – PARTIAL REVOCATION BY DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT**

Providing for the revocation of specified terms of a revocable trust on the absolute divorce of the settlor and the settlor's spouse or the annulment of the marriage occurring after the creation of the settlor's revocable trust, except under specified circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ET, § 14.5-604 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 542 Delegate Luedtke, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING PREVENTION**

Prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell specified parts or products of specified animal species under specified circumstances, subject to specified exceptions; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; requiring that fines and restitution imposed under the Act be credited to the Department of Natural Resources for the benefit of the Birdwatcher's Fund to be used for the preservation of nongame wildlife species and threatened or endangered species; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 10-2A-06.1 - amended and §§ 10-2B-01 through 10-2B-10 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 543 Allegany County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MINIMUM AGE TO SERVE LIQUOR**

Decreasing in Allegany County the minimum age for an individual to serve liquor from 21 years to 18 years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 9-1902 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 544 Delegate Long, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIODS – UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS**

Designating, beginning in calendar year 2016, the last 7 days of August through the first 7 days of September of each year to be tax-free periods during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for the sale of specified textbooks purchased by specified individuals; designating, beginning in calendar year 2017, an additional tax-free period during the last 14 days of January for return-to-school textbook shopping in Maryland; and defining a specified term.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-232 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 545 Delegate Lafferty**LANDLORD AND TENANT – WATER AND WASTEWATER CHARGES – PROHIBITION ON RATIO UTILITY BILLING SYSTEMS**

Prohibiting a landlord on or after January 1, 2017, from using a ratio utility billing system to charge a tenant for the cost of water and wastewater utilities; imposing specified limits on charges for water and wastewater utilities if a landlord charges a tenant separately for utilities; providing that a landlord that violates the Act is liable for the greater of the total amount of all damages proximately caused by the violation or \$1,000 per violation plus reasonable attorney's fees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

RP, § 8-212.4 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 546 Delegate Barkley, et al**ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANIES – RATE REGULATION – INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS**

Increasing to a maximum amount of \$4, up from \$2, a specified monthly natural gas surcharge for specified retail natural gas customers; authorizing an electric company to recover specified costs associated with specified electric system infrastructure investments through a specified electric system infrastructure investment surcharge on customer bills; requiring electric system infrastructure investment cost calculations to include specified elements; specifying when costs shall be collectible; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

PU, § 4-210(d)(4) - amended and § 4-211 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 547 Delegate Turner, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – TIRES, EXTERIOR LIGHTS, AND WINDSHIELD WIPERS – BIENNIAL INSPECTION**

Requiring the vehicle emissions control program, at the time of a vehicle's biennial emissions test and inspection, to provide for specified additional inspections of the vehicle's tires, exterior lights, and windshield wipers; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that define the inspection parameters and establish a schedule for the additional inspection of vehicle tires, exterior lights, and windshield wipers; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, §§ 23-202(b) and (c), 23-203(a)(1) and (e), 23-204, and 23-207 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 548 Delegate Glenn, et al**ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND COMMERCE – MARYLAND DESIGN EXCELLENCE COMMISSION**

Establishing the Maryland Design Excellence Commission; establishing that the Commission is in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; requiring the Commission to study, develop specified plans and programs, and establish specified events regarding design excellence initiatives; requiring the Commission to report its findings, recommendations, and actions taken to the General Assembly on or before December 31 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EC, §§ 10-4A-01 through 10-4A-03 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 549 Caroline County Delegation**CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to a holder of a Class B alcoholic beverages license or a Class H alcoholic beverages license; and requiring an annual permit fee of \$500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 15-1101 - amended and § 15-1102 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 550 Delegate Clippinger, et al**DISTILLERY LICENSE HOLDERS – SALE OF PRODUCT TO PARTICIPANTS IN GUIDED TOURS**

Repealing a specified provision of law that limits a distillery license holder to selling product and related merchandise to an individual on a guided tour only if the license holder manufactures not more than 27,500 gallons of products annually.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 2-202 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 551 Delegate Kaiser, et al**EDUCATION – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM MEDIATION**

Requiring specified individualized education program teams to provide specified parents of a child with a disability with a specified oral and written explanation of the parent's right to request mediation, specified contact information, including a telephone number, and specified information regarding pro bono representation; and requiring the State Department of Education to make a staff member available to assist specified parents in understanding specified mediation processes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 8-405(b)(3) and 8-413(b)(7) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 552 Delegate Lafferty**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – DESERT STORM, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM MEMORIAL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore County Monument Commission, Inc. and the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom Memorial, located in Baltimore County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 553 Delegate Kipke**OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – CEMETERY FINANCIAL STATEMENT – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a specified financial statement required to be submitted by a specified cemetery to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight to contain a balance sheet from the most recent federal tax return filed by the business, or on a form specified by the Director; and repealing the requirement that a specified financial statement contain a specified statement by a certified public accountant and a review of the financial stability of the cemetery by a certified public accountant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, § 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 554 Delegates Bromwell and Kipke**INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES – SHORT-TERM MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Altering the scope of provisions of law governing surplus lines insurance to authorize the use of surplus lines insurance for short-term medical insurance coverage; authorizing the procurement of short-term medical insurance from a nonadmitted insurer under specified circumstances; specifying the conditions under which short-term medical insurance may be procured from a nonadmitted insurer; applying the Act to specified policies and contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, §§ 3-302 and 3-306.2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 555 Delegate Kipke**OFFICE OF CEMETERY OVERSIGHT – PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS – REPORT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT**

Increasing from 120 to 150 days the time period within which a sole proprietor registered cemeterian, specified permit holders, or specified other persons subject to specified perpetual care trust requirements are required to submit a specified report regarding a specified perpetual care trust fund to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, § 5-606 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 556 Delegate Sydnor, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – THREATENING JUROR, WITNESS, OR OFFICER OF COURT FOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY – PENALTIES**

Establishing that a person may not threaten, intimidate, impede, or injure a juror, a witness, or an officer of a court of the State or of the United States for any reason related to the performance by the juror, witness, or officer of that person's official duties; prohibiting a person from soliciting another person to violate the Act; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act of imprisonment, not to exceed 5 years, or a maximum fine of \$5,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 557 Delegate Jameson**HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – UNDERWRITING STANDARDS – DEDUCTIBLES**

Repealing the requirement that an insurer that issues a policy of homeowner's insurance file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner for approval a specified underwriting standard that requires a specified deductible under specified circumstances before the insurer may implement the underwriting standard; requiring an insurer to file for information with the Commissioner a specified underwriting standard at least 60 days before the insurer proposes to implement the underwriting standard; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 19-209 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 558 Delegate Glenn, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – PARTIALLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD**

Increasing by the number of members of the Baltimore City School Commissioners; requiring the four elected board members to be elected by the voters of specified districts; altering the length of a term of board members; requiring specified board members to be elected at a specified election and in accordance with specified provisions of law; providing for the staggering of the terms of specified members; submitting the Act to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Baltimore City; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 3-108.1 and 3-114 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 559 Delegate Bromwell, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS – EXCEPTION**

Providing that the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without specified protective headgear does not apply to an individual at least 21 years old who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 2 years, has completed a specified motorcycle safety course, or is a passenger on a motorcycle operated by a driver who has been licensed for at least 2 years or completed a specified motorcycle safety course.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 560 Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation**MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – ALLEGANY AND GARRETT COUNTIES – WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM**

Altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of specified individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Allegany and Garrett counties or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Allegany and Garrett counties; making nonsubstantive changes to specified termination provisions; making conforming changes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, § 13-936, Chapter 451 of the Acts of 2012, § 3, as amended, and Chapter 213 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 561 Delegate Flanagan, et al**SMALL BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2016**

Exempting from the personal property tax persons with specified personal property of \$100,000 or less of total assessed value; requiring the State in specified taxable years to remit to each county and municipal corporation a specified amount of the tax the county or municipal corporation would have collected if the exemption under the Act had not been granted; requiring a person to apply annually to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for the exemption under the Act; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, § 7-245 - added and § 11-101 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 562 Delegate Carr, et al**SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – EXCLUSION OF VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANIES – REPEAL**

Altering the definition of “owner” to repeal the exclusion of motor vehicle rental companies as owners of motor vehicles for purposes of the enforcement of violations recorded by speed monitoring systems.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-809(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 563 Delegate Lam, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – OBSTRUCTION HANGING FROM REARVIEW MIRROR – ENFORCEMENT**

Providing for enforcement only as a secondary offense for a violation of the prohibition under specified circumstances against a person driving a vehicle on a highway with any object, material, or obstruction hanging from the rearview mirror that interferes with the clear view of the driver through the windshield.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 564 Delegates Glenn and B. Robinson**PUBLIC HEALTH – RESTAURANTS – MEALS FOR CHILDREN**

Limiting to bottled water, low-fat milk, or 100% fruit juice the types of beverages that a restaurant may include in the price of a children's menu of meal options or a meal that is represented as a child's meal; and authorizing a restaurant to offer any nonalcoholic beverage to minors for a charge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 21-304.3 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 565 Delegates Dumais and Vallario**CRIMINAL LAW – POSSESSION OF LESS THAN 10 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA – CODE VIOLATION**

Specifying that a person who violates a provision of law involving the use or possession of marijuana in the amount of 10 grams or more is guilty of the misdemeanor of possession of marijuana; altering a specified provision of law so as to provide that a finding of guilt, rather than a violation, of a provision of law is a civil offense punishable by a fine; establishing procedures for a specified Code violation proceeding; providing that prepayment of a specified fine shall be considered a plea of guilty to a code violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 5-601(c)(2) and 5-601.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 566 Delegate Sophocleus (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – TAX SALE ADVERTISING**

Repealing a requirement that a specified notice of tax sale of property in Anne Arundel County be published in two newspapers published in the county; and requiring the notice to be published on the county's Web site.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, § 14-813(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 567 Delegate Kipke**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS – PERMIT REQUIREMENT**

Altering the definition of “beauty salon” to include a specified mobile beauty salon; requiring an applicant for a beauty salon permit for a mobile beauty salon to hold a beauty salon permit to operate a beauty salon that is not mobile and to lease or own the motor vehicle or trailer in which a specified mobile beauty salon is located for which a specified application is made; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, §§ 5-101 and 5-502 - amended and § 5-605 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 568 Delegate Aumann, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – EXEMPTION FROM PARTICIPATION IN AID IN DYING**

Prohibiting a health care practitioner from being required to participate in aid in dying; prohibiting a health care practitioner who refuses to participate in aid in dying from being held criminally or civilly liable for refusing to participate; prohibiting a health care facility, health care practitioner, or professional organization or association from subjecting a health care practitioner who refuses to participate in aid in dying to discipline for refusing to participate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HO, § 1-223 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 569 Delegate Jones, et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – APPOINTMENTS
BY GOVERNOR – ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE**

Providing that the appointment of members of the Baltimore County Board of Education appointed by the Governor is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, § 3-2A-01 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 570 Delegate Kaiser, et al**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS – APPOINTMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Education to appoint or reappoint the State Superintendent of Schools with the advice and consent of the Senate by April 1; requiring the State Board to appoint an interim State Superintendent if the State Board does not appoint or reappoint a State Superintendent by April 1, the Senate does not confirm the appointment or reappointment, or a vacancy occurs in the office of State Superintendent; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 2-302 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 571 Delegates Barkley and W. Miller**GAS COMPANIES – RATE REGULATION – ENVIRONMENTAL
REMEDATION COSTS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, when determining specified expenses while setting a just and reasonable rate for a gas company, to include specified costs incurred by the gas company for performing specified environmental remediation of real property; requiring that specified environmental remediation costs be included in a gas company's specified expenses regardless of specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 4-211 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 572 Delegate Fisher, et al**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – INVESTMENTS IN MARYLAND**

Providing an exemption from personal property tax for property that is owned by a business that has organized under the laws of Maryland during the current tax year or that relocates its headquarters to Maryland during the current tax year; exempting specified personal property from a property tax imposed by a county or municipal corporation for all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018; providing that specified personal property remains subject to county or municipal corporation property tax; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, §§ 7-245 and 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 573 Delegate Clippinger, et al**POSSESSION OF LOADED HANDGUN OR REGULATED FIREARM – ENHANCED PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun loaded with ammunition on or about the person or in a vehicle under specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from possessing a regulated firearm loaded with ammunition under specified circumstances or if the person is under a specified age; establishing penalties for violations of the Act; requiring the State to comply with the procedures set forth in the Maryland Rules for the indictment and trial of a subsequent offender; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 4-203(a)(1) and (c) and PS, § 5-133 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 574 Charles County Delegation**Ji' AIRE LEE WORKGROUP ON THE PROTECTION OF ADULTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND THEIR CHILDREN**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to convene the Ji'Aire Lee Workgroup on the Protection of Adults With Mental Illness and Their Children; requiring the Workgroup to evaluate and determine whether modifications are needed to specified laws, systems, and services; requiring the Department to report the findings of the Workgroup to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 575 Delegate Jameson**PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE – REQUIRED NOTICES – METHOD OF MAILING**

Altering the method of mailing that an insurer or a vendor is required to use when the insurer or vendor sends to a policyholder or covered customer specified notices about a termination or any other change in the terms and conditions of a policy of portable electronics insurance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 19-903(h)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 576 Delegate Beitzel**MARYLAND DORMANT MINERALS INTERESTS ACT – USE OF MINERAL INTEREST – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying that when an owner of a mineral interest takes a specified action for a mineral that is part of a mineral interest, the action constitutes use of the entire mineral interest owned by that owner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, § 15-1203 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 577 Allegany County Delegation and Garrett County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS – FILING DATE**

Providing that Allegany County and Garrett County are required to file annual financial reports with the Department of Legislative Services on or before December 31 after the close of the county's fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, § 16-304 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 578 Delegate Carr, et al**REAL-TIME TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2016**

Requiring a political committee to file a contribution report within 48 hours after receiving a single contribution, transfer, or loan of \$1,000 or more during the year of an election in which the political committee is participating; requiring contribution reports to include specified information; providing that contribution reports filed by a political committee are in addition to specified other reports filed by a political committee; providing for a \$10 fee for each day or part of a day a contribution report is overdue; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EL, § 13-309.3 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 579 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**MENTAL HEALTH – WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Requiring the Governor, for fiscal year 2018, and for each fiscal year thereafter, to include in the budget bill an appropriation to provide specified wraparound services for 300 children or youth with intensive mental health needs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 10-1501 and 10-1502 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 580 Delegate Clippinger, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MARYLAND HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT**

Requiring employers with more than nine employees to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave that is paid at the same rate as the employee normally earns; requiring employers with nine or fewer employees to provide an employee with unpaid earned sick and safe leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for specified purposes; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 2-106(b) - amended and §§ 3-103(k) and 3-1301 through 3-1311 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 581 Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT OF ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREES – EARNINGS LIMITATION**

Exempting from a specified reemployment earnings limitation specified retirees whose average final compensation was less than \$25,000 and who are reemployed while receiving an ordinary disability retirement allowance from the State Retirement and Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 29-116 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 582 Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – CLIFTON T. PERKINS MAXIMUM SECURITY GUARDS – VESTED ALLOWANCES**

Altering the age at which a normal service retirement allowance begins for a member of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who is a maximum security attendant at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center and begins membership on or after July 1, 2016; and altering the age at which a vested allowance begins for a member of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who is a maximum security attendant at the Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center and begins membership before July 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, §§ 25-401(a) and 29-302(c) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 583 Delegate Lam, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CRUELTY TO ANIMALS – IMPLEMENT OF DOGFIGHTING**

Prohibiting a person from possessing, with the intent to unlawfully use, an implement of dogfighting; establishing specified factors that a court may consider to determine whether an object is an implement of dogfighting; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; providing that each implement of dogfighting possessed in violation of the Act is a separate offense; and authorizing a court to order a specified defendant to participate in and pay for psychological counseling as a condition of sentencing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 10-607.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 584 Delegate Lafferty**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ONE MARYLAND TAX CREDIT – EXPANSION**

Expanding the eligibility requirements for the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit to include specified qualified businesses that establish or expand a specified business facility that is located in a qualified distressed political subdivision; expanding eligibility for the credit by altering, under specified circumstances, the number of qualified positions that must be created and the eligible activities in which a person may engage at a new or expanded business facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EC, §§ 6-401, 6-402(b), 6-403(a), (e), and (f), 6-404, and 6-405 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 585 Delegate Sydnor, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION – POLICIES AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Police Training Commission, in cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General and the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, to develop specified statewide standards; requiring the Commission to develop a uniform form and system by which law enforcement agencies annually shall report specified incidents to the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-207 - amended and §§ 3-514 and 3-515 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 586 Delegate Fisher, et al**RETIRE IN MARYLAND ACT OF 2016**

Including income from specified retirement plans and unearned income sources within a subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for specified individuals who are at least 65 years old or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; repealing the limitation on the maximum amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the State income tax for specified retirement income; applying the Act to taxable years after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 587 Delegate K. Young, et al**HOSPITALS – PATIENT’S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a specified patient’s bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide specified patients with a translator or an interpreter to provide specified assistance to the patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post copies of the patient’s bill of rights in specified areas of the hospital; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 19-342 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 588 Delegate Bromwell, et al**CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES – CONTINUING CARE AGREEMENTS – ACTUARIAL STUDIES**

Altering the contents of a renewal application for a continuing care retirement community by requiring that actuarial studies reviewed by qualified actuaries be submitted at least every 3 years for specified providers, and every 5 years for specified continuing care agreements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HU, §§ 10-401 and 10-413(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 589 Delegate Vallario, et al**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – REPRESENTATION AT BAIL HEARING – PROVISIONAL**

Establishing that the representation provided by the Office of the Public Defender to an indigent individual at a bail hearing before a District Court or circuit court judge shall be limited solely to the bail hearing and shall terminate automatically at the conclusion of the hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 16-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 590 Delegate Vallario, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT**

Repealing a provision of law denying a person entitlement to expungement if the petition for expungement is based on the entry of probation before judgment for a specified crime and the person, within 3 years of the entry of the probation before judgment, has been convicted of a specified crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 10-105(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 591 Delegate Vallario, et al**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES**

Prohibiting the Office of the Public Defender or a panel attorney from continuing representation after a specified bail hearing unless financial eligibility is determined; requiring the Office of the Public Defender to investigate the financial status of an applicant under all circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 16-210 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 592 Delegate D. Barnes, et al**BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON VOTING, OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND EQUALITY (VOTE) IN ELECTIONS**

Establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission on Voting, Openness, Transparency, and Equality (VOTE) in Elections to examine ways to encourage broader voter participation and engage new voting populations through a study of specified issues; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 593 Delegate M. Washington, et al**HUMAN SERVICES – INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the composition of the Interagency Council on Homelessness; increasing, from six to nine, the number of representatives from diverse geographical regions of the State engaged in homeless advocacy.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HU, § 6-419 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 594 Delegate Kramer, et al**HUMANE ADOPTION OF COMPANION ANIMALS USED IN RESEARCH ACT OF 2016**

Limiting the period of time for which dogs or cats may be used in specified research facilities for scientific research purposes to 2 years; requiring specified research facilities using dogs or cats for scientific research purposes to take specified steps to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat that is no longer needed for research purposes; authorizing specified research facilities to enter into specified agreements with animal rescue organizations for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AG, § 15-101 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 595 Delegate Hayes, et al**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS – KEEP THE DOOR OPEN ACT**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adjust the rate of reimbursement for specified community providers each fiscal year by the rate adjustment included in a specified State budget; requiring that the Governor's proposed budget for a specified fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter, include rate adjustments for specified community providers based on the funding provided in specified legislative appropriations; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HG, § 16-201.3 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 596 Delegate Flanagan, et al**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – HEARING AID LOAN BANK PROGRAM – AGE OF ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the age of eligibility from under 3 years to under 18 years of age to participate in the Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 8-601 and 8-602 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 597 Delegates K. Young and Krimm**STATE PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL SERVICE – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – TEACHERS**

Requiring that teachers employed by the Maryland School for the Deaf are in the professional service in the State Personnel Management System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 8-304 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 598 Delegate Frick**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – DISTRIBUTION AND SALES TAX REVENUES**

Authorizing the Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control to authorize the wholesale distribution of beer in the county to a person who purchases a franchise interest from the county; authorizing the Department to sell its interest in a dispensary to a person who holds or is eligible to hold a specified license; requiring the purchase to be by public auction; prohibiting the Department from selling its interest in more than a 25 dispensaries, and many not convey more than one dispensary location to any person; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 25-307(b) - amended and TG, § 2-1304 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Ways and Means

HB 599 Delegate Lam, et al**POULTRY LITTER MANAGEMENT ACT**

Requiring a specified integrator to place poultry only at a contract operation that maintains a specified nutrient management plan; requiring an integrator to be responsible for the removal and delivery of all excess manure in accordance with specified requirements; requiring an integrator to be responsible for the removal and delivery of all excess manure; requiring integrators, or manure brokers or manure transporters working under contract with an integrator, to deliver excess manure only to specified facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AG, §§ 8-1101 through 8-1104 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 600 Delegate Sanchez, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – DENIAL OF PETITION WITHOUT HEARING**

Altering a provision of law to authorize, rather than require, a court to hold a hearing on a petition for expungement if the State's Attorney files a timely objection to the petition; and authorizing a court to deny a petition for expungement without a hearing if the court finds that the petition is barred as a matter of law; authorizing a specified petitioner to request a hearing within 30 days under specified circumstances; requiring the court to hold a hearing under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 10-105(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 601 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – HOTEL RENTAL TAX – RATE**

Reducing the hotel rental tax rate in Frederick County from 5% to 3%.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

LG, § 20-405 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 602 Delegate Sophocleus (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICES**

Authorizing Anne Arundel County to establish, modify, or abolish special taxing districts for the purpose of providing or expanding water or wastewater services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

LG, § 21-803.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 603 Delegate Afzali, et al**PAIN–CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting, except in specified circumstances, the performance or inducement or attempted performance or inducement of an abortion unless a determination as to the probable age of the unborn child is made by a specified physician; providing that the failure of a physician to perform specified actions is deemed “unprofessional conduct”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-225 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 604 Delegate W. Miller, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – MOBILE FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES – LICENSING AND INSPECTION BY COUNTIES**

Prohibiting, under specified circumstances, a county from requiring a mobile food service facility to obtain a license from the county in order to operate in the county; authorizing a county to inspect a mobile food service facility that is operating in the county; requiring, under specified circumstances, a county to forward the result of a specified inspection to the county that licenses a specified mobile food service facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 21-304 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 605 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENTS – ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

Authorizing, in Frederick County, a person aggrieved by a development rights and responsibilities agreement to file an administrative appeal; providing that if an agreement was entered into before July 1, 2016, a person aggrieved by an amendment to the agreement may not file an administrative appeal and may seek direct judicial review under specified circumstances; providing that a party may appeal to the Court of Special Appeals and thereafter may petition the Court of Appeals for a writ of certiorari under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

LU, § 7-307 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 606 Delegate Dumais**PATIENT SAFETY EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS**

Providing that a statement made by a party during a discussion held in accordance with a patient safety early intervention program is inadmissible as specified evidence in a health care malpractice proceeding or civil action; authorizing a hospital, a related institution, or an insurer that provides professional liability insurance to a health care provider in the State to establish a specified patient safety early intervention program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 10-920.1 and HG, § 19-304.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 607 Delegate Adams, et al**COURTS – JURORS – STATE PER DIEM AMOUNT**

Increasing the State per diem amounts required to be paid for jury service from \$15 to \$30 and, for each day of jury service in one trial in excess of 5 days, from \$50 to \$75.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 8-426 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 608 Delegate Adams, et al**LANDLORD AND TENANT – INSTALLATION OF SATELLITE DISH ON RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY**

Prohibiting a satellite dish from being installed on the roof or exterior walls of residential rental property at the request of a tenant unless the landlord has given permission in writing before the installation; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to develop a form for use to obtain the required permission and to make the form available on the Department's Web site; and establishing that a person installing a satellite dish on residential rental property is liable for any damage caused by the installation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 8-119 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 609 Delegate Adams, et al**PREVAILING WAGE – BASIS FOR RATE DETERMINATION – SURVEY DATA**

Prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry from considering specified wage information from specified projects when making specified annual prevailing wage rate determinations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, § 17-209 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters